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Pastides delivers ‘Case for Carolina’

In speech to legislature, president asks for no state tuition regulations

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USC President Harris Pastides delivered an impassioned “Case for Carolina” to a subcommittee of South Carolina legislators Wednesday, asking the lawmaking body to not cap out-of-state students or tuition at public colleges in a painful budget cycle.

And unlike previous years, Pastides didn’t ask for state appropriations to increase or even maintain the status quo.

“We knew not to come in and ask for state funding,” Pastides said. “This is the year it’s about how much is going to be lost.”

Pastides and USC administrators are bracing for another year of budget slashes from the state.

Legislators are facing a budget shortfall of more than \$800 million, and it was evident in the committee meeting Wednesday. Advocates for arts groups, public

libraries and other bodies were present at the meeting as well, delivering pleas for support.

No federal stimulus dollars are in sight, and South Carolina law requires the General Assembly to balance the budget. That means state funding cuts are likely on the horizon for many state agencies, including USC. The University has suffered a 47 percent reduction in state appropriations since 2008. It now receives approximately 10 percent of its overall budget from the General Assembly and will likely see another cut this year.

He outlined cuts at USC, including: the elimination of 160 full-time positions, the discontinuation of nine bachelor’s degree programs and a hiring freeze for many positions at USC.

A tuition ban or cap on out-of-state students, coupled with a reduction in state funding, could be especially painful, Pastides said.

But it’s not guaranteed lawmakers will heed Pastides’s requests.

Upset over reports that South Carolina ranks highest in the Southeast in tuition rates, lawmakers

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SG ELECTIONS

Thompson penalized for election violation

Vice presidential hopeful punished 1.5 points for campaigning early

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The Student Government Elections Commission found vice presidential candidate Katie Thompson guilty of two campaign violations Wednesday night.

The commission penalized Thompson, a second-year public relations student, one violation point for violating Code 411.11 of the SG Constitution, which forbids candidates from soliciting student organizations before filing begins on Jan. 18. The commission also cited a sentence in the e-mail to penalize her .5 points for violating 411.15, which prohibits the distribution of campaign speeches before the mandatory candidates meeting.

A candidate who receives five points is disqualified.

Shah Himali, president of the International Student Association, reported an e-mail her organization had received Jan. 17 from the “Katie Thompson for U, Us and USC” campaign.

The e-mail, sent from a USC Beaufort account under the name Daniel Monroe, offered to “schedule a date that would be best for Katie to come visit and speak to your organization.”

Himali is helping with Rohail Kazi’s campaign for student body president, but she is not registered as part of his staff and said she may quit now.

Thompson said the commission had her full support and that she respected the decision “100 percent.”

Zachary Lamb, the senior adviser to Thompson’s campaign and a fourth-year broadcast journalism student, handed out a statement at the violation meeting arguing the campaign had no knowledge of Monroe’s e-mail and that Monroe was merely a “close personal friend” of Thompson rather than a member of her staff.

The commission disagreed, pointing out in its findings that Monroe initially appeared on the list of Thompson’s staff but “was crossed off the list and dated on 1/18/11,” a day after the e-mail was sent.

Himali said that the Thompson campaign’s early contact of student organizations gave it an unfair advantage.

“She already has her schedule. I’m still scheduling stuff, and I’m not sure where my candidate is going to go the next day,” Himali, a fourth-year international studies student, said. “I’m pretty sure the damage is already done ... I don’t want them to get disqualified. I just want them to understand that this is a slap on the wrist, that this is not cool.”

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MORE PACKAGES, MORE LINES

USC Mail Center struggles with influx of online books

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Long lines of impatient students have occupied the Student Mail Center this month, anxiously awaiting personal mail and packages from online bookstores.

The post office — located in the Russell House basement — has received 7,125 packages from UPS this January and has expanded its hours for package pickup this week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. due to increased demand.

Post office employees are currently working 12- to 14-hour shifts, including weekends, to accommodate the high volume of mail intake. The office should be back on schedule this week, according to Barry Meyers, the director of USC’s postal service.

“To say we’re busy is an understatement,” said Meyers. “A lot of students are frustrated, and there’s always some anxiety that goes with getting your mail, but we’re really trying to reduce it.”

First-year public relations student Jessica Rowe had difficulty receiving her textbooks for upcoming classes.

“My packages were delivered

Saturday to North Carolina,” Rowe said. “I had to go to the book people to find out where they were; the post office didn’t even help me.”

According to Meyers, January is the center’s “Black Friday,” the supposed busiest shopping day of the year, and the closings have not made the situation easier.

“There’s usually more mail coming in the spring term, and there’s been a huge increase in online book rentals,” said Meyers. “We’ve had to play catch-up for a couple of days.”

The Mail Center has also opened up employment to students to alleviate the influx of packages coming in each day.

“They’re some of our best employees,” Meyers said. “The mail room is kind of like basketball — it’s so busy.”

Second-year student Patricia Dowbiggin said she did not receive her books by the first day of class but did not mind the wait.

“I waited for about 30 minutes in line to get my books, but the mail people were really friendly,” Dowbiggin said. “I know things are slow right now.”

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could discuss proposing a tuition cap this spring. Budget and Control Board members previously issued a construction ban on new capital projects for several state colleges that hiked tuition more than 7 percent last year. USC hiked its tuition 6.9 percent for the 2010-11 school year.

Pastides promised administration figures and board of trustees members would be “careful and compassionate” when considering another tuition increase.

“Our decision-making process regarding tuition is the single most important financial deliberation that we make,” Pastides said. “And it is discussed and voted upon in a completely transparent process.”

Lawmakers have also expressed displeasure with the percentage of out-of-state students at public universities, saying state dollars are supporting students not from South Carolina. Rep. Chip Limehouse, chairman of the House Means and Ways Education Subcommittee, said at least 75 percent of students at any given school should be in-state.

But Pastides said out-of-state students often enhance the quality of life, provide more funding for the University than state appropriations and are necessary for continued success.

Limehouse prodded Pastides on Innovista and USC’s recent partnership with the Greenville Hospital System to create a medical school in the Upstate.

Limehouse and other legislators have expressed concern about the need for another public medical school with USC’s School of Medicine and MUSC in Charleston.

Legislators quizzed Pastides about USC’s “rainy day” fund of more than \$190 million. Pastides said most of those funds were committed to programs, scholarships or initiatives and aren’t truly “unrestricted assets.”

The committee also called for more four-year education institutions in South Carolina and asked Pastides to prepare a feasibility report for next year.

The appearance was carefully choreographed and planned, as USC administrators prepared graphs, talking points and student cameos throughout dozens of pages of information. Administrators arrived en masse, primarily wearing garnet and black.

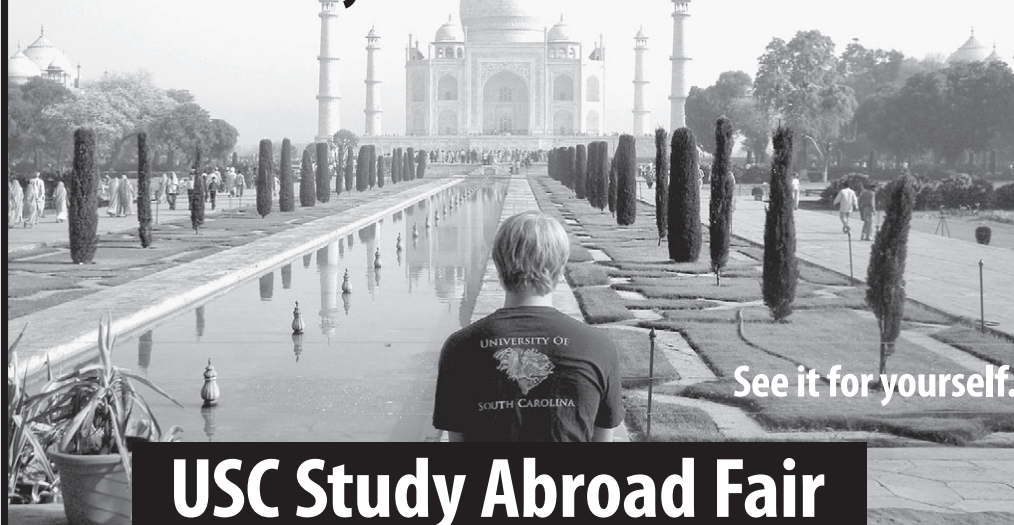
In a staging ploy, Pastides relinquished the podium midspeech to USC Honors College and international studies student Alex Tracy, who delivered brief remarks about her experience at Carolina.

“Please, as you consider higher education funding, remember us, the students, who are directly affected by the decisions you make here,” Tracy said. “... Higher education isn’t a budget line to those of us at public universities.”

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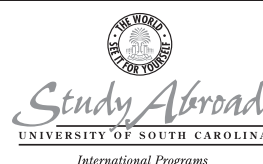
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Give USC funding or drop regulations

2011 is shaping up to be a painful budget year, and legislators will likely slash USC’s state appropriations once again.

Fine. We accept that reality. The state doesn’t have money.

It’s extremely disappointing that South Carolina’s legislature funds and supports higher education less than every other state in the Southeast, considering we have the “Corridor of Shame,” staggering unemployment rates and rampant illiteracy.

But once again, we accept the fact that higher education will likely never see great support from the legislature.

We’ve said it before, and we’ll say it again: Higher education is the long-term solution to these problems.

“We’ve said it before, and we’ll say it again: Higher education is the long-term solution to these problems.”

What is absolutely appalling is this: Though legislators refuse to support public South Carolina colleges, they are more than happy to consider regulating them.

Legislators will likely consider a cap on tuition and out-of-state students at public universities.

What a joke.

The General Assembly funds approximately 10 percent of USC’s budget, meaning the university is essentially private. That means it’s responsible to fund about 90 percent of its operations.

While USC administrators are far from perfect, they’ve shown sensitivity in the past dealing with tuition issues.

Since we’re technically a public institution, General Assembly members can regulate. It’s just almost unconscionable they actually would given their actions against higher education.

Legislators, step up and fund higher education appropriately, or leave it alone.

You can’t have your cake and eat it, too.

But this is South Carolina, and since obesity rates are already obscenely high, we probably will.

Tête à Tête

Leaders of opposing student-run political organizations reflect on Tuesday’s State of the Union address

Aaron Guest
PRESIDENT OF USC COLLEGE DEMOCRATS

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In the shadow of the Tucson tragedy, President Barack Obama delivered his second State of the Union address to the nation and a slightly more divided, yet calmer (see: Joe Wilson 2009) Congress.

Looking through the joint chamber, one was able to see political rivals sitting side by side. Sure it made for awkward moments of applause, which constantly divide the president’s address.

What we saw, though, was one of Obama’s paramount points: Although we may be divided, and although the political rhetoric of the last two years may have, at times, gotten out of hand, at the end of the day we are all Americans. We all hold the same basic principles and ideals. We must remember this if we are to “out-innovate” the rest of the world.

Throughout its history, America has been regarded as the land of opportunity, of freedom and of innovation. In the last decade, however, we have become content believing that with the fall of the Soviet Union a decade before, we were and would remain the world’s single hegemonic force. We have quickly — and not a moment too soon — discovered this is not the case.

It is time for us to once again become a nation of innovation, one that allows the sparks of ideas to flow freely and uninhibited. In order to do this, we must once again educate our children on a level that is not only on par with the rest of the world but exceeds them. We have fallen too far behind, and now we must do whatever it takes to play this game of “catch-up.” We must once again begin producing scientists, physicists and engineers who will lead to that next great breakthrough. We must begin now working toward this nation of (re)innovation, decreasing our dependence on fossil fuels, improving our national infrastructure and allowing our economy to grow by putting Americans back to work. We must once again become the land of hope and dreams.

The American way of life has changed. We now live in a global world. In order to keep up, we must be innovative, ambitious and above par in our achievements. Change is scary. Change is hard to accept. We must, however, accept change if we wish to remain viable as a people, as a nation and as the world’s most powerful country. As Republicans and Democrats, we may have our differences, and we may not always agree. We must, however, come together to work toward a more sustainable vision for America than simply borrowing constantly from foreign banks and “living on a prayer.” This is not an acceptable form of governance. We may share equal blame for what has happened in the past, but if we work together, we will have the opportunity to share equal praise for the successes of our future.

President Barack Obama delivered the annual State of the Union address to a joint-session of Congress last night, and he touched on a whole array of subjects.

Unfortunately for us, however, Obama neglected to give any real answers to the problems we face. As the projected deficit for 2011 reaches \$1.5 trillion, Obama gave no clear path to solving our growing debt. Instead, the president provided us with a noncommittal speech full of political fluff. The one problem our nation faces now is the deficit. He didn’t give us any answers to how we can bring this down. Instead, he wants to lead the fight to raise the debt ceiling of \$14.3 trillion even more.

And as expected, Obama, like former President Bill Clinton in 1994, is pushing himself into the middle of the political spectrum after a Republican sweep at the polls this November. But in his attempt to push to the center, he provided no specifics to let the American people know where our country is heading. He mentioned talking points for each party but provided no talking points of his own.

He also spoke about investing in the future but then provided no way of saying how we would pay for it. He spoke on spurring innovation but instead has only burdened entrepreneurs with increased red tape and complex tax structures. He proposed replacing No Child Left Behind but then didn’t give any specific proposals to replace it.

The president also touched on the DREAM Act, saying he was ready to work with both parties to “protect our borders, enforce our laws” and address the millions of illegal immigrants in our country. I find it discouraging, however, the president wants to provide a safe haven for illegal immigrants who have already broken the same law he pledged to enforce.

When he spoke about the budget, Obama was happy to propose a freeze on annual domestic spending. However, his party didn’t even propose a budget for last year or manage to pass one. He continually talked about the need to live within our means but then argued to “invest” (or spend money) in a myriad of topics.

For the coming year, it is my hope that President Obama can provide the leadership we so desperately need. With an ever-rising deficit, terrible job growth and a sagging economy, someone must step up to the plate and bring real solutions to our nation’s problems. However, if Obama’s year is anything like his speech, we’ll be looking at a year of empty rhetoric and foggy solutions.

Tea Party response shows group has outgrown Republicans

Rival politicians criticize past decisions, fail to celebrate new directions

Let me first admit one thing: President Barack Obama’s State of the Union address genuinely inspired me. It inspired me to a sense of optimism for this coming year — an optimism sorely absent. Whether or not I agreed with his points, the fact remains that the path to rising above our economic troubles and fears lies still at hand. We must acknowledge that fact before striving to follow that path. As he said in closing, “Our destiny remains our choice.”

This inspiration on my part did not reach others — namely, conservatives. The response to a State of the Union is often underplayed, yet this year’s deserves recognition for several reasons. First — and I do not know if I can stress how troubling this is — there were two responses: one from Rep. Paul Ryan for the Republicans and one from Rep. Michele Bachmann for the Tea Party. If anyone ever wondered whether or not the Tea Party would outgrow Republican restraints, this is your evidence. Bachmann

claimed her response would not “compete with the official Republican response,” and she was correct. She couldn’t compete. I’m not sure if she really even paid attention to the speech itself. After all of Obama’s words of progress and bipartisan reform, Bachmann gave viewers a list of demands framed in overbearing rhetoric (“job-killing” is the Tea Party word-of-the-year). I had hoped this night meant an end for political showmanship, but Bachmann proved me wrong. Charts of federal deficits and images of Iwo Jima and the Constitution yet again pandered to what I assumed should be my emotional patriotic outrage. The only outrage is her own flat refusal of the meaning in Obama’s speech. I can understand disagreement with his plans but not an ignorance of the spirit behind them.

The Republican response showed something I have been hoping to see from the right for a long time: polish, and a certain sense of responsibility. Ryan acted unquestionably as a mouthpiece for his party and made sure we all knew it. But



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Second-year English student

his readiness to say “no one person or party is responsible” for today’s difficulties or that Americans should “hold all of us [legislators] accountable,” truly indicates that the blame game in Washington might be coming to a close. His call for an effective government is the right one, and I hope Democrats hear it.

Both responses, however, looked too much to the past. I don’t mean criticizing Obama’s past decisions — which probably deserve investigation — but reviving old concepts. The typical lines of “We need to start making things again” from Bachmann and “Limited government and free enterprise have made this nation great” from Ryan ignore what Obama called the changes of the digital age. We no longer live in the era of “making things,” and today’s democracy gets more power from its Web browser than from its ballot. We cannot meet tomorrow’s challenges with yesterday’s assumptions of efficiency and economic stimulus. The possibility just isn’t there. Republicans are beginning to learn this. As for Bachmann and her Tea Party, I leave them to their own amusement. The time for showmanship and games is over.

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YouTube has taken over the Internet, leaving millions across the world glued to their computer screens, amazed by everything from singing animals to pranks gone awry to undiscovered talents. Many aspiring musicians from all around the globe use the site as an outlet, with some of the best musical gems hidden in the clutter of clips. These are the five YouTube songsters we're obsessing about this week.

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(To Liz and Megan) You are both fantastic. I seriously cannot stop watching your videos. You are both amazing, and don't let anyone tell you any different.

(To A Minter Condition) You have an amazing voice and a wicked talent for guitar!

(To Kate McGill) Hey, great stuff here, Kate. You're an amazing vocalist and also a great songwriter! Totally subscribing for future tunes!!

SUGGESTIONS



1. Megan and Liz (MeganandLiz)

The twin duo, Megan and Liz, have become a sensation on YouTube and otherwise with their beautifully harmonizing vocals and immense individual talent. Theirs is the 34th most subscribed channel, and they have over five million channel views. They were featured on Oprah Winfrey's talk show, where they met Taylor Swift, one of their main influences. Megan and Liz do covers of many popular songs, and Megan sometimes plays guitar as well. They also write their own original songs, and the pair has since released an EP entitled "All of Our Boyfriends."



2. A Minter Condition (mintercondition)

The unsigned and relatively unknown YouTube singer, known only as A Minter Condition, is a great example that views are not directly related to talent. With only 40,000 overall channel views — and the most on any one video being 500 — it is clear A Minter Condition is a hidden gem in the YouTube music scene. He writes many of his own songs, although he got his start only one year ago doing covers of Anberlin. His voice and natural talent on the guitar, paired with his unassuming and humble demeanor, make him both likeable and likely to make it big in the music business.



3. Christina Grimmie (zeldaxlove64)

Christina Grimmie, known as zeldaxlove64, is the 11th most subscribed musician on YouTube of all time and the 70th most subscribed channel of all time. She has achieved a hefty amount of notoriety through her videos and has almost 11 million channel views. She has earned her fame with her amazing voice and amusingly awkward audience interactions. Her vocal talent and range sets her far apart from the crowd of people trying to make it big on YouTube.



4. Kate McGill (katem3)

English songster Kate McGill, from Carmarthen, Wales, has become known on YouTube for her sweet-voiced, poignant covers and acoustic guitar. Covering lesser known but nonetheless winning songs such as "Someone Like You" by Adele and "Crossfire" by Brandon Flowers — frontman of rock band The Killers — McGill truly impresses with a voice akin to British pop stars Lily Allen and Kate Nash. Her most popular cover, the heartfelt and brilliant "White Blank Page" by Mumford & Sons has earned the singer over 160,000 views and almost matches the soul and effect of the original. Filming her solo performances from either her keyboard or bathroom floor, McGill has a certain authenticity that makes her great.



5. Sam Tsui (KurtHugoSchneider)

Perhaps one of the most well-known YouTube singing sensations is 21-year-old talent Sam Tsui. Featured on his producer Kurt Schneider's channel, KurtHugoSchneider, he is a student at Yale University and has already made appearances on many major daytime talk shows, including "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in February. His flawless vocals are the perfect match to the popular pop songs he covers, with Schneider's well-produced videos only adding to the magic. Tsui's most popular YouTube video, with over 11 million hits, is "Just a Dream" by Nelly. With Schneider on piano and fellow songster Christina Grimmie offering her vocal talents, the cover brings a whole new light to the worn-out chart topper. Tsui's voice is effortlessly refreshing and has gone viral, with a digital album entitled "The Covers" released last year.

Talent, premise
can't save comedy

'No Strings Attached' shows
promise but falls flat with tired jokes,
overdone plotline, sloppy writing

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"No Strings Attached"
NOW IN THEATERS



Director: Ivan Reitman
Starring: Ashton Kutcher, Natalie Portman
Rating: R for sexual content, language and some drug material

Every romantic comedy has a story gimmick, a little hook for the audience so the audience will come back to the same silly jokes and sappy romance they've all seen a hundred times. What makes "No Strings Attached" unique is that its gimmick isn't all that bad. The initial premise of the film is actually one of its strongest aspects. The film is about two childhood friends, Adam (Ashton Kutcher) and Emma (Natalie Portman), who reunite as adults and become "friends with benefits." Eventually, Adam begins to grow attached to Emma and decides he wants to be more than just "sex friends." It's pretty straightforward, but Emma seems incapable (or unwilling) to develop any kind of emotional relationship. With this setup, the film creates the potential to explore a lot of gray areas about relationships — and possibly even touch on the viability of a polyamorous lifestyle — while still retaining the humor and heartwarming moments expected of the genre. Unfortunately, any interesting character moments from Portman or difficult scenarios that Kutcher is thrust into are swiftly swept away amid trite conventions and clunky dialogue. Though the acting is passable, the chemistry between Kutcher and Portman is almost nonexistent. Due to the emotionally detached relationship the film is about, this seems intentional. However, once the movie attempts to convince its audience that the two actually have feelings for each other, the consistent awkwardness between the two



Dale Robinette / AP Exchange

Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher star in "No Strings Attached," a romantic comedy about friends with benefits.

leads to disbelief. So no, the film isn't all that romantic. Nor is it very sexy (somehow the filmmakers found a way to make numerous sex scenes surprisingly boring — a feat unto itself). So now, we as an audience are left waiting to laugh. Unfortunately, this is where "No Strings Attached" falls hardest. Its jokes are so poorly scripted that even the talent in the film struggles to save them. Most of them are just plain bad, and most of what are left tend to fall flat. But really, once you brush aside all of the obnoxious and one-note side characters, the unfinished side narratives, the cliché rom-com star Adam and the overall unfunny gags, you are left with Emma, the only thing that makes the film even a little worth watching. Portman's performance portrays Emma as cold and emotionally distant (or at least scared by her own emotions), and she has all of the base trappings of an interesting character. Unfortunately, this is only evident in a select few scenes. The film spends too much time cracking inane jokes and putting the actors in bad comic scenarios for her character to be examined. And even when she does finally get a somewhat legitimately emotional moment, it is immediately downplayed by a gag involving her driving her car while crying, eating doughnut holes and listening to a "PMS Mix" CD (seriously). In this way, the film panders to the lowest common denominator, apparently afraid that if it tried to leave its audience with anything too emotionally or intellectually stimulating, they just wouldn't "get it." In the end, "No Strings Attached" begins to ask some interesting questions, but the answers it provides are so simple and reductive that it makes the formulaic nature

of the film all the more painful to watch. It also drags for most of its almost two-hour runtime, which is sadly only punctuated by a handful of decent comedic moments to ease the audience through. There's an interesting romantic comedy buried inside "No Strings Attached," trying desperately not to drown amongst the Hollywood clichés and sloppy screenwriting, but it is never brought far enough to the surface to justify its own feature-length film.

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A R I E S Be confident in following your instincts. They’re pointing you in the right direction, and you know it. This supports a previous plan.

TAURUS You have big ideas and limited time. Don’t distract others with your enthusiasm. Share what’s so exciting over dinner, when they can listen.

GEMINI You wish you could ease into changes, but they may be abrupt. At least check how deep the water is before diving in. Everything works out perfectly.

CANCER The changes you have in mind provide fortunate circumstances for family and social contacts. Do the groundwork yourself, and ask for assistance later.

LEO If you rush too fast to complete something, you may hurt yourself. Communicate the need for extra time. Take a deep breath, focus on the task at hand and take it slow.

V I R G O Reorganize your space to accommodate individual needs. Let each person choose decorating colors or new arrangements. A little paint goes a long way.

LIBRA You want to make significant changes, and a partner offers creative suggestions. The first step may seem painful, but stress relaxes as you move.

SCORPIO Old habits die hard, but today’s a good day to change things up. You may feel some stress but see future opportunities everywhere. Dive in!

SAGITTARIUS An emotional release leaves you feeling cleansed by the tide. Put a great new idea into practice as soon as you can. The results are virtually immediate.

CAPRICORN Team members need to draw creative threads together to finalize a project. If someone else takes charge, that works better for you. Relieve stress with treats.

AQUARIUS A personal habit could get in the way of creative communication. You don’t need to come up with all the ideas yourself. Group members contribute.

PISCES Later in the day you feel fulfilled. Change was managed with little stress, and new opportunities open as a result. Stay in the flow.

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WHEN: 12:30 p.m.
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WHAT: Miss Fashionetta Pageant
WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: RH Ballroom

WHAT: Club NASHI
WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: BA Building 350/363

WHAT: Relay for Life Meeting
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WHERE: RH 348

WHAT: Garnet & Black PR meeting
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: RH 201

WHAT: WUSC interest meeting
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: RH 305

WHAT: News from Last Thursday meeting
WHEN: 9 p.m.
WHERE: RH 348

PICTURE OF THE DAY



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A USC student was interviewed by a local affiliate of Fox News about the “Get Tested” truck on Greene Street and the importance of getting tested for HIV/AIDS. The truck was sponsored by the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council (SCHAC) to raise awareness.

Crossword

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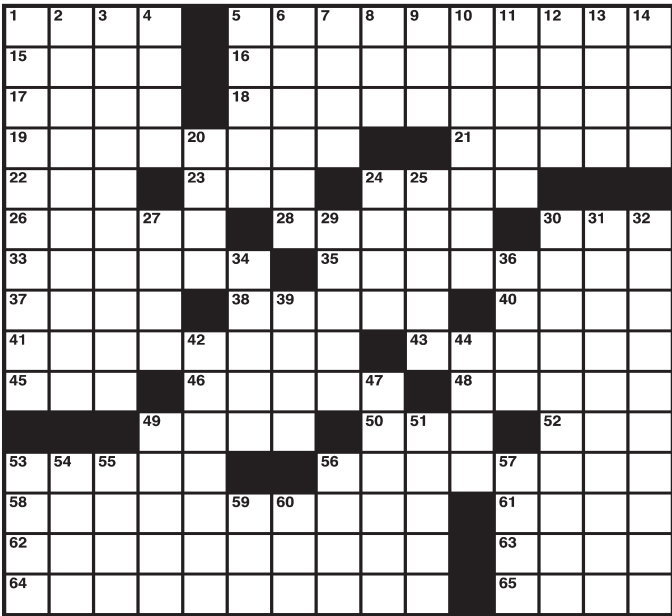
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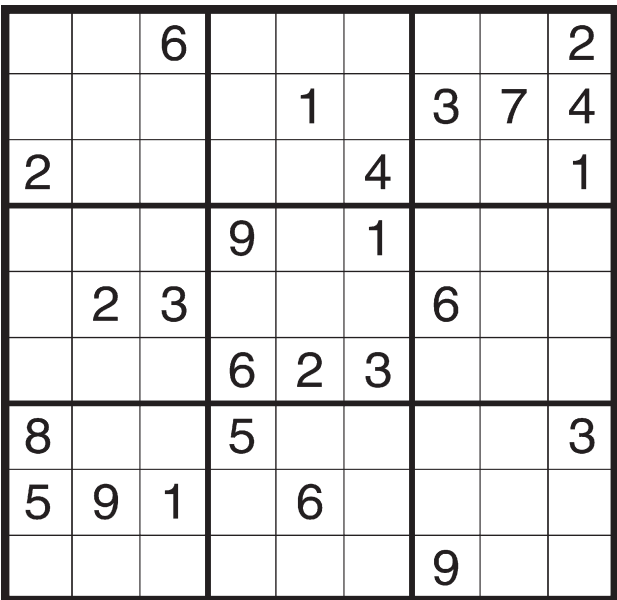
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USC looks for revenge against Georgia

Lady Gamecocks attempt to break Bulldogs' seven-game winning streak tonight

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Coach Dawn Staley is out for revenge after her team's showing against Georgia earlier this year.

Her team was outscored 40-17 in the first half and eventually lost 61-51. The teams play again tonight at 7 p.m. inside the Colonial Life Arena.

"We played probably the worst half of the season," Staley said. "Hopefully, we can return the favor."

Since that 61-51 win over the Gamecocks, the Bulldogs have collected five straight victories, and the team rides a seven-game winning streak into tonight's game.

"I think they have scoring threats — I think they really understand their role," Staley said. "They're very, very athletic. They know what they do, and they do that well."

One of the strengths for No. 20 Georgia in its last outing against Mississippi State was its bench production, with sophomore Anne Marie Armstrong entering the game to score a career-high 17 points in a 78-58 victory.

While that's been a strong point for the Bulldogs, it's been an area of concern for the Gamecocks.

"We're not getting bad production," Staley said. "We just have to make sure that when they go into the game, they focus and know what we're doing. If they know what we're doing, they'll get extended minutes."

At this point in the season, issues such as poor bench play are getting attention, as Carolina is looking at every game as a part of something bigger.

"I think Georgia is a very good basketball team," Staley said. "They're playing good basketball. We're not playing shabby ball at this point, but I think this is a pretty decent game to measure where we are. We could make some headway in the SEC standings."

Bulldogs right at home in Columbia: Georgia enters the matchup with a 5-0 record in the Colonial Life Arena and a 13-2 record all-time against Carolina in Columbia. Home has been sweet for the Gamecocks this season, however, as they come into the night with two SEC home victories.

"I think in order for us to have any postseason play, you do need to take care of home," Staley said. "The Colonial Life Arena has been good to us. The fans that come in here and see us play, they get their money's worth."

Newton gives boost as starter: In the last three games that Staley has started junior guard Courtney Newton, the Gamecocks have a 2-1 record.

"I think Courtney understands what we're doing," Staley said. "Courtney's going to give the second, third and fourth efforts out there on both sides of the basketball. She gives us extra possessions on offense, she'll hit a three or two, but from a defensive standpoint, she'll put her face in anything."

USC looking for continued effort: With Georgia holding a substantial height advantage over the Gamecocks, Staley

is emphasizing getting to the basket against as the team did against Tennessee, where they posted 36 points in the paint.

"I think we went to the basket with reckless abandon," Staley said. "I think if we take that effort into it, then I don't think we're afraid. I don't think they're the biggest team we've faced."

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The Lady Gamecocks enter Thursday's matchup looking for their first win against a ranked opponent since February.



Mary Ann Chastain / The Associated Press



Michelle Lepianka Carter / The Tuscaloosa News

Equestrian team hits road to Texas

Away from home, team must acclimate itself to unfamiliar horses

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The South Carolina equestrian team will travel to Texas this weekend to compete against Texas A&M, Baylor and Delaware State, but being on the road means biggest obstacle in the ring is right underneath it.

When the Gamecocks travel, they don't bring their own horses. They don't even bring the saddles they're familiar with. The only things they've used before arriving to the competition are their competition uniforms.

College equestrian teams are characterized by what is call "catch riding," in which both the home team and visitors don't know which horse they'll be competing on until four minutes before they enter the competition ring.

That means the riders have four minutes to familiarize themselves with a 1,000-pound animal with a mind of its own before asking it to jump over a 3-foot fence.

"They can't fix everything in four minutes, so they have to decide what can I fix and what can I hide," coach Boo Major said.

Major believes the ability to get comfortable with a horse quickly usually takes a semester or sometimes even a year, so with a team that has 26 freshmen and sophomores, a lot is depending on how quickly the younger members can adjust.

"When you're competing in high school, you're riding your own horse, so you know that horse, you compete that horse, you do everything with that horse," Major said. "When you go into a competition arena, you pretty much know what that horse is going to give you."

The Gamecocks will face three separate competitions this weekend. On Friday they'll compete at Texas A&M then drive to Waco, Texas, on Saturday, where they'll compete on neutral territory against Delaware State. On Sunday they'll wrap up the weekend against Baylor.

Carolina will travel with 24 girls this weekend, which is much higher than the normal team size on the road.

"We want to get experience for some of our younger kids in some of these competitions, so we decided to take as many as we felt comfortable taking and competing," Major said.

Major said most of the girls will not compete all three days, but the consecutive days of competition will serve as good practice for the end of the season.

"When we go to championships, we have to have three or four tests memorized and think ahead of time," Major said. "This is actually very similar, so it's actually a really good prep for when we have to go to the championships."

1. Tennessee

(No Change): As long as Tennessee (19-2, 7-0) keeps the zero in the SEC loss column, it'll continue to remain atop the standings. The Lady Volunteers' most recent loss was over a month ago at Baylor, and since then, only LSU has come within single digits. With Mississippi State and Arkansas upcoming, Tennessee is unlikely to lose its place at the top. — Isabelle Khurshudyan

2. Georgia

(Up 1): The Bulldogs are riding a seven-game win streak since their surprising loss to Louisiana Tech and boast a perfect conference record; however, the next two games for Georgia (16-3, 6-0) will be difficult as it prepares for road matchups at South Carolina and LSU. With both displaying strong home records, the Bulldogs should be in for a challenge. — IK

3. Kentucky

(Up 3): Since starting conference play with two straight losses, Kentucky (15-4, 4-2) has made it clear that it deserves its top-20 rankings. The Wildcats enter the week riding a four-game winning streak, including a 10-point victory over Vanderbilt on Sunday. With Ole Miss and Alabama next on its slate, UK's streak should be up to six when it hosts Auburn next Thursday. — Ryan Velasquez

4. Auburn

(Up 3): After three consecutive SEC wins, including a 45-41 comeback against Mississippi State, the Tigers (12-8, 5-2) received a pounding at the hands of Tennessee. A full week of rest should help to Auburn's advantage as it prepares to host South Carolina on Sunday before traveling to Kentucky. — Paulina Berkovich

5. Vanderbilt

(No Change): Following the trend set in nonconference play, the Commodores have been perfect at home but can't seem to find success on the road. Other than a 16-point victory at lowly Alabama, Vanderbilt (13-7, 4-3) is 1-3 on the road in the SEC and 2-7 on the year. With home matchups with Ole Miss and LSU coming up, Vandy should be in good shape when it travels to Florida. — RV

6. LSU

(Up 4): The Tigers have won their past two contests in dominating fashion, thrashing Ole Miss by 35 points before handing Florida a 14-point loss behind a double-double by LaSondra Bennett. LSU (14-7, 4-3) hosts Arkansas tonight, but Sunday's matchup against Georgia will really give the team an opportunity to prove itself against a top opponent. — PB

7. South Carolina

(Up 1): Conference play has been an up-and-down affair for South Carolina (11-9, 3-4), particularly against ranked opponents and on the road. Hosting No. 24 Georgia tonight, the Lady Gamecocks may be in position to improve in one of those categories. If Carolina is to pull off the upset, another strong showing from Ieasia Walker will be crucial. — RV

8. Arkansas

(Down 6): Riding a two-game losing streak, the Razorbacks head to Baton Rouge tonight to face rival LSU. A win would be valuable to the Hogs. At 3-4 in the conference and 15-4 overall, Arkansas can ill-afford to fall two games below .500 in league play, especially considering Tennessee comes to Fayetteville on Sunday. — James Kratch

9. Ole Miss

(No Change): The Rebels shook off a four-game losing skid this Sunday with a road win at Arkansas. It doesn't get easy for them from there, however. Ole Miss (9-9, 2-4) will host UK tonight before hitting the road for an Eastern swing against Vanderbilt and Florida. — JK

10. Florida

(Down 6): Florida (12-9, 2-5) has lost four straight to put it near the bottom of the standings. Luckily for the Gators, they face Alabama and Mississippi State next, both sporting winless SEC records. If Florida could build some momentum, it could be poised for upsets down the road. — IK

11. Mississippi State

(Up 1): Losers of seven straight, the Lady Bulldogs almost certainly will drop their eighth in a row tonight when they host Tennessee in Starkville. The good news? Only a date with Florida remains between Mississippi State (8-10, 0-6) and a Feb. 24 meeting with Alabama, which will come to be known as "The Battle of the Basement." — JK

12. Alabama

(Down 1): The Crimson Tide continues to struggle in SEC play, with a defeat at South Carolina marking its seventh straight conference loss. Tonight's game against Florida offers Alabama (11-9, 0-7) an opportunity to snatch its first SEC win, and with Kentucky next on the schedule, it had better take advantage. — PB

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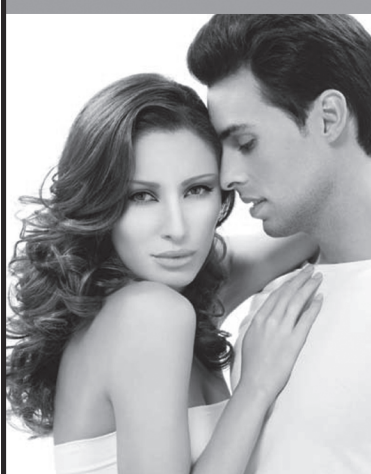
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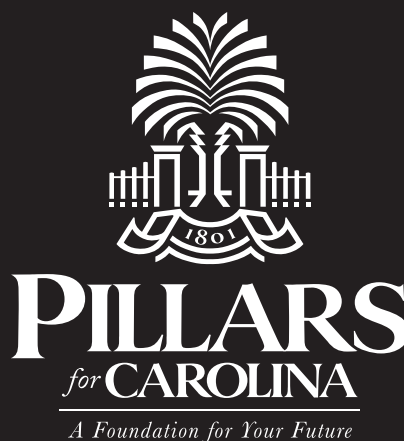
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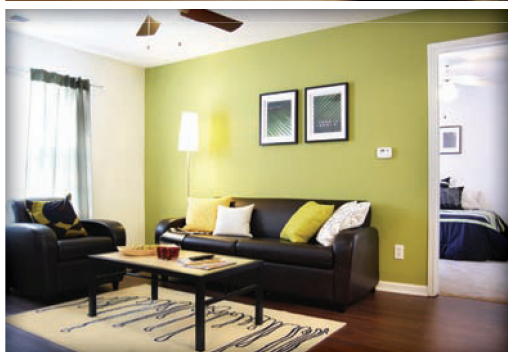


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